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Serial No.: **10/646,818**

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For: **THIN PLATE FORMATION METHOD, THIN PLATE AND SUSPENSION
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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December 27, 2006

Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

No fee or certification is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, since it is being submitted prior to the issuance of a first official action on the merits following the **Request for Continued Examination (RCE)** in the above-identified patent application.

The documents AF and AG were mentioned in a Japanese Office Action mailed on October 31, 2006 for the corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-245887. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is enclosed.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Document No.	Date	Country	Translation (Yes or No)
_____ AF 60-231524	11/18/1985	Japan	Yes-Abstract only.
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OTHER DOCUMENTS

_____	AK	Japanese Office Action mailed October 31, 2006, with a partial English-language translation.
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